

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening, wherein said first loop is oriented in a substantially open position, and said second end including a second loop defining a second, larger opening, ~~wherein a central axis of said first opening is non-parallel with a central axis of said second opening when said coupling device is in an unfolded, static condition;~~

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;

moving a distal tip of said second loop toward said first opening without substantially twisting said coupling device about a longitudinal axis of said coupling device;

inserting said second loop through said first opening without substantially twisting said coupling device about the longitudinal axis of said coupling device; and

pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device without substantially twisting said coupling device about the longitudinal axis of said coupling device.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising sliding the second loop over a wrist of a user.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the coupling device further comprises a size adjustment collar slidably coupled to said second loop.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising sliding said size adjustment collar along said second loop in the direction of the user's wrist.

19. (Currently amended) A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening and said second end including a second loop defining a second opening, wherein ~~a central axis of said first opening is non-parallel with a central axis of said second opening when said coupling device is in an unfolded, static state~~ said coupling device has a first side and a second side, and wherein said first loop defining said first opening is formed by attaching a portion of said first side to a portion of said second side, such that said first loop is oriented in a substantially open position;

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;

moving a distal tip of said second loop toward said first opening without twisting said coupling device more than 45 degrees from a longitudinal axis of said coupling device;

inserting said second loop through said first opening without twisting said coupling device more than 45 degrees from the longitudinal axis of said coupling device; and

pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device without twisting said coupling device more than 45 degrees from the longitudinal axis of said coupling device.

20. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising sliding the second loop over a wrist of a user.

21. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 20, wherein the coupling device further comprises a size adjustment collar slidably coupled to said second loop.

22. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising sliding said size adjustment collar along said second loop in the direction of the user's wrist.

23. (Currently amended) A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening and said second end including a second loop defining a second opening, wherein ~~a central axis of said first opening is non-parallel with a central axis of said second opening when said coupling device is in an unfolded, static condition~~ said coupling device has a first side and a second side, and wherein said first loop defining said first opening is formed by attaching a portion of said first side to a portion of said second side, such that said first loop is oriented in a substantially open position, and the coupling device having a friction-engaging size adjustment collar slidably coupled to said second loop;

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;

moving a distal tip of said second loop toward said first opening without twisting said coupling device more than 45 degrees from a longitudinal axis of said coupling device;

inserting said second loop through said first opening without twisting said coupling device more than 45 degrees from the longitudinal axis of said coupling device;

pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device without twisting said coupling device more than 45 degrees from the longitudinal axis of said coupling device;

sliding the second loop over a wrist of a user; and
sliding said friction-engaging size adjustment collar along said second loop in the direction of the user's wrist.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 23, further comprising inserting said second loop through said first opening without twisting said coupling device more than 30 degrees from the longitudinal axis of said coupling device.

26. (Currently amended) ~~The device of Claim 15;~~ A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening, wherein said first loop is oriented in a substantially open position, and said second end including a second loop defining a second, larger opening, wherein said coupling device has a first side and a second side, and wherein said first loop defining said first opening is formed by attaching a portion of said first side to a portion of said second side;

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;

moving a distal tip of said second loop toward said first opening without substantially twisting said coupling device about a longitudinal axis of said coupling device;

inserting said second loop through said first opening without substantially twisting said coupling device about the longitudinal axis of said coupling device; and

pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device without substantially twisting said coupling device about the longitudinal axis of said coupling device.

27. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 15, wherein said coupling device is formed from an elongate body having a length and a width and wherein said first opening of said first loop is sized to correspond with the width of the elongate body.

28. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 19, further comprising inserting said second loop through said first opening without twisting said coupling device more than 30 degrees from the longitudinal axis of said coupling device.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 19, wherein said coupling device is formed from an elongate body having a length and a width and wherein said first opening of said first loop is sized to correspond with the width of the elongate body.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously presented) The device of Claim 23, wherein said coupling device is formed from an elongate body having a length and a width and wherein said first opening of said first loop is sized to correspond with the width of the elongate body.